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### **Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Increased in 2005**

Idaho foodsize trout (trout 12 inches and longer) sales during 2005 totaled \$35.3 million, up 3 percent from the \$34.3 million in 2004, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of foodsize fish sold was 44.0 million, up 13 percent from the 39.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold in 2005 were 43.6 million pounds, compared to 42.9 million pounds in 2004. Average price per pound for food size trout was \$0.81, up from \$0.80 in 2004.

Nationally, the number of food size trout sold during 2005 totaled 55.5 million fish, up 12 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.05, up 2 cents from 2004. The value of sales for the 2005 marketing year was 62.6 million dollars, up 5 percent from 2004. Based on the dollar value, 67 percent were sold to processors compared to 73 percent in 2004. The next largest point of sale for both years was to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 74.2 million dollars during 2005, an increase of 4 percent from 2004. For the Nation, sales of fish totaled 69.1 million dollars for 2005, while egg sales totaled 5.14 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 51 percent of the total value of fish sold.

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